

The California Health Workforce Education and Training Council

Biography

Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy

Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy is the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. She oversees student service programs and initiatives to ensure equitable access and foster unconditional belonging among 1.9 million students. She is also actively involved in the development of systemwide strategies to expand equitable access to health and mental health resources for students while simultaneously cultivating high-quality and adaptable learning experiences that prepare students to meet the workforce demands within the healthcare sector. With a diverse professional background spanning the private sector, public service and nonprofit organizations, Rebecca places a strong emphasis on catalyzing economic empowerment and social mobility. Her experiences include service as vice president at United Healthcare, where she led a national unit in the development and implementation of employment-based social determinants of health strategies to improve population health outcomes for the company's six million Medicaid members; the first corporate executive for a U.S. subsidiary of a global manufacturer, where she led the company's transition from concept to full production with over 1,000 employees within 18 months; and the head of a state economic development office that made strategic business and economic investments. She received her bachelor's degree from Connecticut College and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.